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SUBJECT: GEORGE E. BERKOMPAS' VISIT TO FRG

REF: A) BREMEN 489, NOV. 3, 1977; B) STATE 261092, NOV. 1, 1977

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS PREPARED GUIDANCE ON "INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF U.S. FISHERY COMMODITIES FOR EXPORT" REFTEL B WHICH BREMEN SHOULD HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED. THIS TELEGRAM WILL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ANVIL CORPORATION INSPECTION CERTIFICATES HAVE NO OFFICIAL STANDING AND DO NOT, THEREFORE, SERVE AS GUARANTEE OF PRODUCT'S WHOLESOMENESS BY ANY U.S. FEDERAL AGENCY. U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN NOT VOUCH FOR RELIABILITY OF ANVIL INSPECTION CERTIFICATES.

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2. NMFS RELAYED CONTENTS OF REFTEL TO BERKOMPAS, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF NMFS, WHO SAID THAT HE ALREADY HAD ARRANGED A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS WITH FRG IMPORTERS AND, THUS, DID NOT NEED POST ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. BERKOMPAS ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS ALREADY SENT A LETTER TO U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL BREMEN EXPLAINING IN MUCH GREATER DETAIL THE EXACT

NATURE OF HIS EXPORT INTERESTS.

- 3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY: BERKOMPAS IS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED BY NMFS GENERAL COUNSEL IN SEATTLE FOR ALLEGEDLY REPRESENTING THE ANVIL CORPORATION INSPECTION SERVICES AS BEING APPROVED AND RECOGNIZED BY NMFS.
- 4. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS. VANCE

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